GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5024
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COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme of Command Area Development withphysical and financial dimensions, and achievements made during five Year Plans of the country;

(b) the number of such schemes funded by the Union Government and benefit derived therefrom;

(c) the achievements and drawbacks of the schemes; and

(d) the manner in which these schemes are likely to be modified specially to make implementation easier?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES

(SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

a) The Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme was launched in the country during 1974-75 with the objective of bridging the gap between the irrigation potential created and utilised in the irrigation commands and integrating all the activities related with irrigated agriculture in a coordinated manner. The Programme components are :

(i) On-Farm Development (OFD) works :

(a) Development of field channels and field drains within the command of each outlet.

(b) Land levelling, on an outlet command basis. c) Reclamation of waterlogged areas in the irrigation commands.

(d) Realignment of field boundaries wherever necessary (where possible consolidation of holdings should also be combined).

(e) Enforcement of a proper system of "Warabandi" and fair distribution of water to individual fields.

(f) Supply of all inputs and services, including credit, and

(g) Strengthening of extension services.
ii) Selection and introduction of suitable cropping patterns.
iii) Development of ground water to supplement surface irrigation (consjunctive use under Minor Irrigation Sector).
iv) Development and maintenance of the main and intermediate drainage system (Irrigation Sector).
v) Modernisation, maintenance and efficient operation of the irrigation system upto the outlet of one cusec capacity

(Irrigation Sector). Central assistance is provided on matching basis to the StateGovernments on identified items of work. Fifth Five Year Plan to Eighth Five Year Plan achievements and outlay for Ninth Five Year Plan are given in Annexure I and II.

b) to d) Initially 60 irrigation projects were included under the Programme . At present, 228 irrigation projects are covered under the programme which are spread over 23 States and 2 Union Territories. The Evaluation Studies conducted in the past revealed that there has been positive impact in certain projects on various impact indicators, which include increase in irrigated area and agricultural productivity. During the assessment of the programme certain drawbacks were noted in the scheme which mainly include: i) unreliable water supply at the government outlet, ii) problem of drainage and waterlogging in the commands, iii) non participation of farmers in the irrigation management,
iv) lack of dissemination of technical know-how of efficient water management and improved agricultural practices among the farmers etc. To address these constraints, provision for correction of system deficiencies, linking of collector, intermediate and main drains, liberalising technical and financial assistance to Water Users` Associations and cent per cent assistance for activities related with dissemination of technical know-how etc. have been proposed to the Planning Commission for inclusion under the scheme during the 9th Plan Period.

ANNEXURE − I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5024 TO BE ANSW ON 26.04.2000.

DETAILS OF PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE CORE COMPONENTS OF ON – FARM DEVELOPMEBNT WORKS UNDE THE COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(In Thousand Hectare)

Sl.No	Plan period	Achievements in the Core Components of On-Farm Development Works			
		Construction of field Channels	Construction of field drains	Warabandi and Levelling and Shaping	
1	V Five Year Plan (1975-80) including annual plan 1979-80	2793.01	Not under budgetary provision till 6th Plan	0.00	1111.56
2	VI Five Year Plan (1980-85)	5178.08		1215.62	435.80
3	VII Five Year Plan (1985-90)	3167.58	423.87 (Since-inception)	3741.51	375.21
4	Annual Plans (1990-91 and 1991-92)	1051.71	161.44	1160.00	72.64
5	VIII Five Year Plan (1992-97)	1762.27	187.70	2525.67	106.81
6	IX Five Year Plan (1997-2002)	641.01#	92.75#	762.35#	33.68#
	Total	1459 3.66	865.7 6	9405.15	2135.70

The figures given are achievements made in the first two years i.e. 1997-98 and 1998-99 of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

ANNEXURE – II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5024 TO BE ANSW ON 26.04.2000.

DETAILS OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED TO THE STATES UNDER THE CENTRALLY SPONSORED COMMAI AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

(Rupees in lakh)

S.No.	Plan period	Releases made to the States
1	V Five Year Plan (1975-80) including Annual Plan 179-80	13690.91
2	VI Five Year Plan (1980-85)	25686.71
3	VII Five Year Plan (1985-90)	49687.57
4	Annual Plans (1990-91 and 1991-92)	19056.69
5	VIII Five Year Plan (1992-97)	60688.92
6	IX Five Year Plan	30499.82#

	(1997-2002)		
	Total	199310.62	
7	IX Five Year Plan		
	(1997-2002) - Outlay	84000.00	
	(Projected)		

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